(f) No, Sir.

(g) While the quality of music is assessed by the non-official members, the departmental representative acts as a convenor and ex-officio member.

Guidelines for Assessment in AIR

3419. SHRI G. SWAMINATHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are definite guidelines for assessment in AIR;

(b) the number of recorded tapes heard on an average in a Session of three hours;

(c) whether the Members fill all the columns provided in the score-sheet and is consolidation made on the basis of individual assessments;

(d) whether there is a Minutes Book recording the proceedings and making entry of Dissent notes;

(e) whether any exemptions have been made between the period 4th May, 1993 and 4th December, 1993; and

(f) if so, what is the basis for the grant of these exemptions.

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Ten to fifteen tapes.

(c) and (d) There is presently no provision for either a score sheet or a minutes book. Members fill all the columns provided in the assessment sheet which include the candidates knowledge of Sahitya and Raag gyan, Swar, Voice, Mode of presentation and Bhaav. Members arrive at a decision by consensus. An audition register is maintained whether final results are entered. The members are at liberty to record their demand, if any, either in assessment sheet or in audition Register. In such cases the majority decision prevails. However, it has now been decided to review the system of assessment.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) Does not arise.

'Potli Baba Ki' Serial

3420. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to re-telecast the TV serial "Potli Baba Ki-Parts I and II" which is an interesting serial for the children of the country;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be telecasted by the Government; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Re-telecast of serials on the National Network is resorted to only in exceptional cases depending on the programme requirements of Doordarshan from time to time.

Indian Institute of Mass Communication

3421. SHRI T. VENKATRAM REDDY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) The location of the branches of the Indian Institute of Mass Communication in the country; and

(b) the places where the branches of Indian Institute of Mass Communication are likely to be opened, State/Union Territory wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) Apart from the Indian Insti-

tute of Mass Communication, New Delhi, one branch of the Institute is located at Dhenkanal in Orissa.

(b) The other places where branches of the Institute are proposed to be set up are Kottayam in Kerala, Jhabua in Madhya Pradesh and Dimapur in Nagaland. The branch at Kottayam is being operationalised shortly. The branches at Jhabua and Dimapur would be set up, subject to availability of resources.

Women News-Readers in Delhi Doordarshan Kendra

3422. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total strength of women News-Readers in Hindi and English and Announcers in Delhi Doordarshan as on date on casual contract and on regular payroll;

(b) the details of women News Readers and Announcers viz. their names, dates of birth, qualifications, dates of appointment and marital status;

(c) the number of applications received so far by the Station Director, Delhi Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi from women applicants for the said posts;

(d) how many out of them have so far been considered and appointed and status of the remaining pending applications;

(e) whether the Delhi Doordarshan Kendra has permitted these women News-Readers and Announcers to sign any assignments with Zee T. V. and other private channels; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and tenure of their service period in each calender year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI K. P. SINGH DEO): (a) and (b) The total number of women News-Readers in Hindi and English, in Doordarshan Kendra, Delhi, as on date on casual contract and on regular payroll is 13 and 16 respectively. The requisite details in respect of these women News-Readers are enclosed in Statement (*See* below). The details relating to women Announcers are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(c) and (d) The details in respect of applications received for empanelment as casual News-Readers in response to the advertisement telecast in July, 1993 are as under:

Language	No. of applications received from women	No. of women selected
Hindi	1510	02
English	486	03

Similar details in respect of women Announcers are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(e) No, Sir.

(f) The casual News-Readers and Announcers are booked depending on the programme requirement of the kendra and there is no fixed number of assignments to be given to an indvidual in a calendar year.